

Easter: Love Is Not Finished

Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus

Ages about 7-11 | Video 3:59 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and recognizes the risen Jesus when he calls her by name.

Learning goals Recall Mary's change from sorrow to recognition; explain the Resurrection as Jesus' victory over death; and choose a way to share Easter hope.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask how good news can change someone's understanding of a sad event. Watch what Mary discovers and how Jesus reaches her.

Watch and notice

Notice the empty tomb, Mary's tears, Jesus calling her name, and her movement to tell the others.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Why was Mary Magdalene crying?

The tomb was empty and she thought Jesus' body had been taken. She did not yet understand that he had risen.

2. How did she recognize Jesus?

He called her by name. Her sorrow turned toward recognition and she went to share the news.

3. What does Easter proclaim?

Jesus is truly alive, risen from the dead. Sin and death do not have the final victory.

4. How can you share Easter hope?

Tell the Gospel news respectfully, pray, or bring kind encouragement to someone. Hope can accompany sadness without demanding instant happiness.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Draw Mary recognizing Jesus near the tomb. Then draw a kind way you can share Easter hope. Accept an oral explanation.

Read & Write Recall the story, explain its central teaching, then apply it through a specific choice.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: draw or dictate answers; revisit the named story moment together.

Ages 9-11: explain the connection between the story detail and the planned response.

From tears to witness | Optional 4 minutes

Fold paper into three panels: Empty Tomb, Mary's Name, and Good News. Draw a story moment in each and add a short caption. On the back write one way to offer hopeful care this week, such as a supportive message approved by an adult.

Look for understanding Look for the named story details in the answers and a practical response connected to the resurrection and enduring hope.

Closing prayer Risen Jesus, thank you for your living love. Help us receive your hope and share it with kindness. Amen.

At home Retell your three panels to an adult and pray an Easter prayer together.

Handout answer notes Mary Magdalene met the risen Jesus. Jesus is truly alive in risen glory. Personal actions should offer respectful, concrete encouragement.

Teach with care

Provide paper and pencils. Preview the video and invite children to ask questions or pass. John 20 supplies the encounter; the reflection adds devotional connections with Holy Week and the Eucharist. Jesus' Resurrection is more than a memory or symbol and differs from an ordinary return to mortal life. Do not rush grief.

Words to explain Resurrection: Jesus rising to glorified life after death. Witness: someone who shares what they have encountered. Easter: the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Sources for the leader

Story source: [Servus Dei video and English transcript](#)

Background: [John 20:1-18: Mary Magdalene meets Jesus](#)

Jesus calls Mary

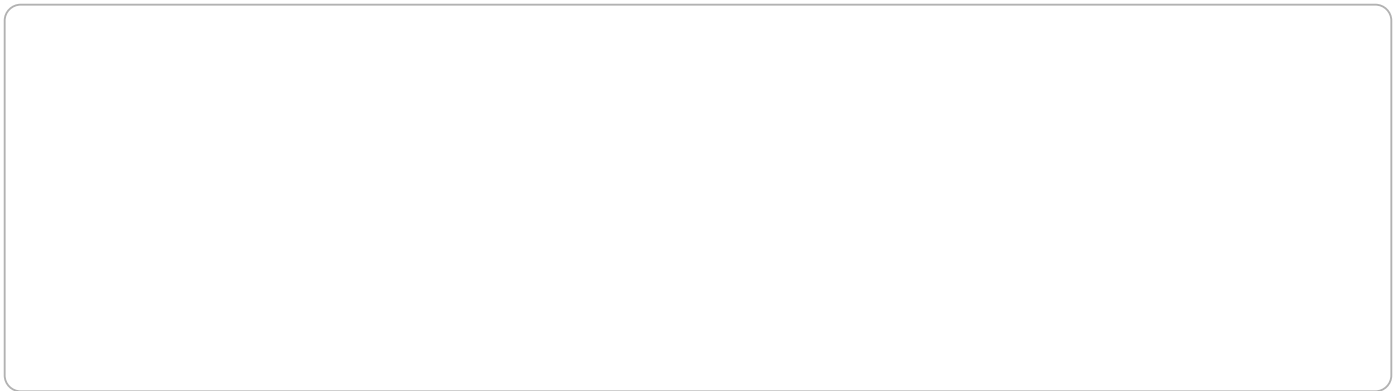
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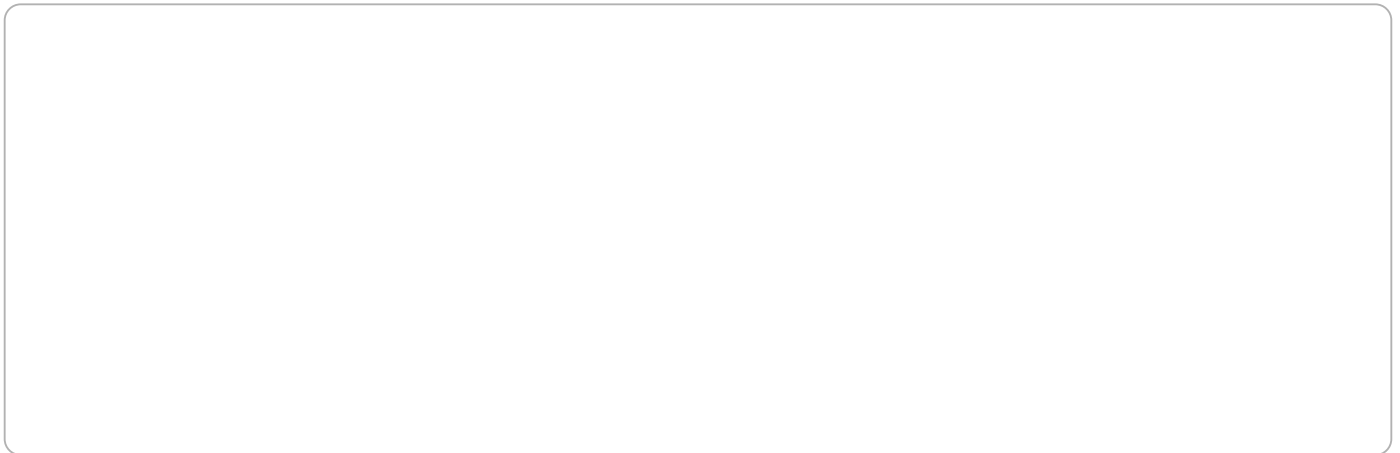
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Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw Mary recognizing Jesus near the tomb.



2 Draw a kind way you can share Easter hope.



Tell What changed for Mary? How can your action share hope without ignoring sadness?

Pray Risen Jesus, thank you for your living love. Help us receive your hope and share it with kindness. Amen.

At home Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

The risen Lord is alive

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Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus. Remember, explain, and respond.

Name _____

1 Remember

Who met Jesus near the tomb?

The witness was ...

2 Explain

What does the Resurrection tell us about Jesus?

Jesus is ...

3 Respond

Choose a respectful way to share hope.

I can share hope by ...

Pray Risen Jesus, thank you for your living love. Help us receive your hope and share it with kindness. Amen.

Go deeper Why can Easter hope remain true even on a day when someone still feels sad?